COMING ATTRACTIONS

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Superman & Wonder Woman in WWII Epic!

During the World War II era, various and sundry super-heroes were engaged in aspects of the war effort deemed too vital to be discussed during the War itself. There is at least one example of a super-hero working AGAINST the war effort. Now it can be told.

WONDER WOMAN, who has the unthanked duty of protecting mankind from itself, discovers the top-secret Manhattan Project -- the creation of the first atomic bomb. Deeply believing the Project to be against the world's best interests (inspite of the war effort), she begins to take whatever steps necessary to halt the production of the first atomic bombs.

SUPERMAN is also sworn to protect mankind -- perhaps not from itself, but protect it nonetheless. The Man of Steel happens to believe in the Manhattan Project, in the necessity of producing a doomsday threat in order to stop the war. In order to insure the continuance of the Manhattan Project, SUPERMAN must stop WONDER WOMAN.

On July 7th, DC Comics will release a 72 page 10" x 13" all-new "tabloid" novel, SUPERMAN VS. WONDER WOMAN. Written by Gerry Conway, drawn by Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez and Dan Adkins and edited by Joe Orlando, this tome represents some of the finest work from these talented individuals. It is also the first in a series of all-new tabloids, five more of which have been scheduled for the upcoming year.

JLA & JSA Meet Legion of Super-Heroes!

There are a number of interesting peculiarities inherent in the annual JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA / JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA team-ups. First of all, these team-ups have been running longer than the JSA did in its first incarnation, fifteen years, as opposed to the thirteen year All-Star run. Second, recent years have seen the JLA and the JSA unite with another group of super-heroes on a sort of "can you top this" basis: the old Quality heroes, the old Fawcett heroes, and so on.

This year, the JUSTICE LEAGUE and the JUSTICE SOCIETY join-up with nothing less than the LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES to take on the mightly Legion enemy, Mordru.

This two-parter starts in JUSTICE LEAGUE #147; the entire story will run some 67 pages. The number of different heroes will be kept to a minimum: Power Girl, Dr. Fate, Green Lantern, Hawkman and The Flash representing the Justice Society; Superman, Batman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow and Black Canary representing the Justice League, and Wildfire, Sun Boy, Princess Projectra, and Brainiac 5 representing the Legion.

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SUPERMAN
FROM: ADM. CHESTER W. NIMITZ (USN) COMMANDER IN CHIEF, PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS.
TO: FRANK KNOX, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.
RE: EVENTS OF JUNE 10, 1942, ISLAND OF MIDWAY
WE WERE JUST BEGINNING TO REORGANIZE OUR FORCES AFTER WHAT THE NEWSPAPERS ARE ALREADY CALLING THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY, WHEN ONE OF OUR AIRCRAFT CARRIERS STATIONED OFF THE ISLAND WAS SUDDENLY ATTACKED BY A PATROL OF JAPANESE PILOTS--OR WHAT WE THOUGHT WERE JAPANESE FIGHTERS.
TO OUR SURPRISE, BEFORE WE COULD EVEN RETURN FIRE, A FAMILIAR RED AND BLUE FIGURE FLASHED UP FROM MIDWAY ISLAND, A FIGURE I RECOGNIZED AS ...
...HOLY CROW, IT'S SUPERMAN!
I DON'T KNOW HOW HE GOT HERE, BUT MAN, AM I GLAD TO SEE HIM NOW!
HE'LL SHOW THOSE JAPS A THING OR THREE!
JUST WATCH!
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This epic was written by Marty Pasko and Paul Levitz, and drawn by Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin (the artists had a few spare moments following their massive JLA-Minus One origin story printed a few months back). Julie Schwartz, as always, edited the project and Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin turned in the cover.

JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA #147 will hit the newsstands July 7th. This two-parter will be concluded in JLA #148, on sale the following month.

Super-Team Battles Super-Villains!

This month, DC Comics will be presenting a special 51 page story featuring, of all people, The Atom, Aquaman, Capt. Comet, Kid Flash, The Creeper and the Secret Society of Super-Villains. The first thirty-four pages of this colossus will appear in SUPER-TEAM FAMILY #13, headlining Aquaman, Capt. Comet and The Atom; thefinal 17 will appear in SECRET SOCIETY OF SUPER-VILLAINS #10. Both comics are scheduled to hit the stands July 28th.

The Atom is continuing his quest for the life of his financee, Jean Loring, who was kidnapped by T.O. Morrow as part of Morrow's plan to take vengeance on the Justice League. Jean disappeared -- and The Atom has been seeking the assistance of various super-heroes in his search. This month, he teams-up with Aquaman, and together they get caught up in the master-plan of The Secret Society of Super-Villains. The Secret Society, with the help of The Creeper (acting undercover), attempts to abduct Jean from Lemuria in order to complete the Sorcerer's Treasures.

Most of the various plot-threads from Atom's Quest and the Sorcerer's Treasures stories are tied into this unusual two-parter, scripted by Gerry Conway. SUPER-TEAM FAMILY #13 was drawn by Arv Jones and Bill Draut, and edited by Paul Levitz; SECRET SOCIETY OF SUPER-VILLAINS #10 was drawn by Dick Ayers and Jack Abel, and edited by Jack C. Harris.

Amazing World No.14 Ready for Mailing

The oft-delayed AMAZING WORLD OF DC COMICS #14 has gone to press, and will be ready for mailing in mid-May. This issue, edited by Paul Levitz and Cary Burkett, features the complete history of the Justice League of America, along the lines of AMAZING WORLD'S sell-out Legion of Super-Heroes issue.

A complete listing -- with artist/writer credits and synopses -- of every JLA story will be featured in this issue, as will interviews with Julie Schwartz, Len Wein, Denny O'Neil, Marty Pasko, Mike Friedrich, Cary Bates, and Gerry Conway.

Also included in this issue of AMAZING WORLD is a special article about the Superman movie, complete with interviews and discussions with Director Richard Donner, Writer Tom Mankiewicz, and Star Chris Reeve.

In order to play catch-up, the 15th issue of AMAZING WORLD OF DC COMICS is presently being readied for publication. AW15 revolves around a Wonder Woman theme, with articles on the Amazing Amazon and other super-heroines of the past forty years.

Odd Items, Noteworthy News...

Swamp Thing and Deadman guest-star in CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN #83..."Where Were You The Night Batman Was Killed" continues with "The Testimony of The Riddler," in BATMAN #292...SHOWCASE #95 continues the story of the new Doom Patrol, as General Immortus attempts to discover the secret of immortality, and Celsius is revealed to be Niles Caulder's wife...Metallo takes on SUPERMAN in #316, the issue which introduces a new member of the regular cast of characters -- Martin Korda, the producer of Clark Kent's newscasts, and a Superman look-alike...SHADE returns to the Meta-Zone in the third issue of his magazine.

Contents of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #247: Superman and Batman in "Last Hurrah for a Superman," the second part of the secret of Superman's twin brother, continued from the previous issue and written by Bob Haney, drawn by Kurt Schaffenberger and Murphy Anderson; Wonder Woman in "The Man in the Doomsday Mask," the final confrontation with Baron Blitzkreig, co-starring Mlle. Marie; The Vigilante continues his search for the murderer of his partner; and Black Canary and Green Arrow each take portions of a two-chapter thriller, titled "Requiem of Rage" and "Isle of Hate -- Island of Horror."

TEEN TITANS meet up with a number of their former partners, including The Hawk and the Dove, Beast Boy, Lilith and Golden Eagle, in the first of a three-parter, starting with #50...Mera starts a three-part back-up series in AQUAMAN #58 ...SUPERBOY AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #232 introduces a new villain, The Infinite Man... The Demon joins The Batman in BRAVE AND THE BOLD #137...Mike Kaluta did the cover to SECRETS OF THE HAUNTED HOUSE #8...Green Lantern guest-stars in METAL MEN #54, Gerry Conway's first issue.

Finally we have a number of interesting firsts this month: the first issue of STAR HUNTERS (following last month's 34 page origin story in DC SUPER-STARS), on sale July 26th and produced by David Michelinie, Don Newton and Bob Layton; the first UNEXPECTED ANNUAL; and the first SGT. ROCK ANNUAL in about a dozen years (making it SGT. ROCK ANNUAL #2). These annuals are 48 pages with all-new stories, the ROCK being a double-lengther written by Robert Kanigher and drawn by Doug Wildey, and edited by Joe Kubert...While we're at it, we'll note the second issue of the new MR. MIRACLE, #20, and the third issue of the new NEW GODS, #14.

Shipping Information

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF JUNE 14th:
Shade The Changing Man #3 / Isis #7 / Secrets of the Haunted House #8 / Kamandi #53 / Jonah Hex #5 / Weird War Tales #56 / The Flash #254 / Batman #292 / Giant Justice League of America #147 / Superman Vs. Wonder Woman Tabloid Edition

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G.I. Combat Dollar Comic #204 / World's Finest Comics Dollar Comic #247 / Challengers of the Unknown #83 / House of Secrets #148 / Brave and the Bold #137 / Metal Men #54 / Showcase (The Doom Patrol) #95 / Giant Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes #232

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF JULY 5th:
Warlord #9 / Secret Society of Super-Villains #10 / Witching Hour #74 / Unknown Soldier #208 / Mister Miracle #20 / Star Hunters #1 / Giant Super-Team Family #13 / Green Lantern #97 / Action Comics #476 / Wonder Woman #236 / Giant Batman Family #14 / Giant Unexpected Annual #1

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